Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction):* I would prefer to have the question fully discussed by the Code Revision Committee of which the Hon'ble Member himself is one of the members.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan *(Vadakkancheri) :* As pointed out by the Hon'ble Member for Education it is a matter which is engaging the attention of the Code Revision Committee. The various aspects are already in the draft code. As promised by the Hon'ble Member if the Director of Public Instruction will be plessed to place the trend of the discussion here and his own views in the matter before the Code Revision Committee and thus give an opportunity for the Code Revision Committee to consider their aspects I do not for the time being press my motion and I withdraw.

Cut motion, by leave withdrawn.

CUT MOTION No. 11

Furniture supplied to Educational Institutions

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* I rise to move the following cut motion. "To reduce the allotment of Rs. 31,59,315 for Education by Rs. 2". *This is to bring to the notice of the Government the extremely inferior quality of the furniture supplied to educational institutions and inadequacy of furniture in some schools.* The object of this cut motion is almost self evident. No great principle is involved therein. But the fact remains that the kind of furniture supplied to the schools of late reveals a scandalous state of affairs in the management of such things in the Education Department. Before proceeding further I would like to know the procedure adopted in making the furniture. Do you prescribe any specific standard?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction):* We do.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Then I am very sorry, sir, that either the standard you prescribe is very poor or that there is something wrong somewhere or some people are trying to supply rotten pieces of furniture to schools. I am not exaggerating. I am speaking with personal knowledge. The wood is of inferior quality. It is tenth rate jungle wood. They are not at all dovetailed. These pieces of furniture are supplied to the schools when it rains cats and dogs during the monsoon. The moment the monsoon is over, that is two months after the monsoon these pieces of furniture become rickety. You can thrust your head. You may go to any school. You will certainly agree with me when I say that the whole thing is very unsatisfactory, to say the least of it. It is high time that you look into the matter and put a stop to these very unsatisfactory state of affairs. The articles supplied are not at all sufficient to meet the requirements of the institutions. You may count upon the help of this House. We will be very glad to allot you any amount you require so that better types of furniture may be supplied to the schools. I commend this motion for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* I second the motion.

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Pubilc Instruction):* Complaints of this nature have not been taken to my notice till now. If I had received any such complaints I would certainly have conducted an investigatien into the matter and given you a fairly satisfactory reply. No doubt I am aware of the fact that people are trying to make Rs. 10 go as far as Rs. 20 because ever so many divisions and classes had to be opened this year, and the articles of furniture had to be multiplied, and at the same time we had to manage the whole thing with the budget allotment. But I assure the Hon'ble Member that the quality of the furniture will be improved.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* You can bring a demand for supplementary grant.

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction):* I would assure the Hon'ble Member that every endeavour will be made to improve the quality of the furniture in 1120.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* You may specify the kind of timber so that inferior wood may not be used.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* For the information of the Hon'ble Member for Education I may add that in some schools, in old institutions certain pieces of furniture made of blackwood not rosewood, made at the time of Sealy, they are called Sealy benches, they are very strong and they are sturdy and substantial. You cannot make them rickety. Simply follow his footsteps. I do not want to waste the time of the House. I only want the Hon'ble Member for Education to carry out the promise he has made in this House in this matter. I beg leave of the House to withdraw with one request to the Government that furniture should be made with teak and teak only. We have got plenty of teak wood timber in the Forests.

Cut motion, by leave withdrawn

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